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## PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED WILDLIFE IMPORT AND EXPORT RULES

Public hearings on proposed revisions to Federal regulations governing importation, exportation, and transportation of wildlife have been scheduled in Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colorado, in October.

The proposed regulations, published last March 27 in the Federal Register, substantially revise, simplify, and clarify the requirements of a variety of wildlife protection laws. Persons engaged in business as importers or exporters of wildlife would be required to be licensed and maintain records of their activities. Groups affected would include pet and animal dealers, furriers, manufacturers of leather products, medical and pharmaceutical researchers, taxidermists, and freight forwarders. Designated ports of entry for wildlife importations would be changed and ports for wildlife exportation would be designated. Certain container marking requirements would also be modified.

The hearing dates and times are as follows:

<u>Dates and Times</u>	<u>Places</u>
Monday, October 2, 1978 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Auditorium U.S. Department of the Interior 18th & C Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C.
Friday, October 6, 1978 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Denver Auditorium Building 56 Denver Federal Center Denver, Colorado

Persons wishing to participate in either hearing should notify the Service on or before September 18, 1978, to reserve presentation time. Requests should be directed to Marshall L. Stinnett, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 19183, Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone 202/343-9237.

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